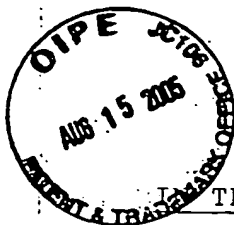


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated June 7, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated August 3, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application, the Applicants request that the claims be amended as indicated starting on the next page. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith.